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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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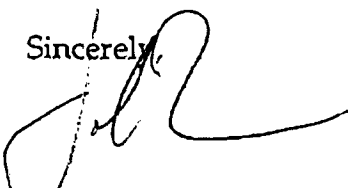
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express some of my views regarding the Microsoft antitrust case. I understand that there was merit behind the issues that brought about the lawsuits, but that was three years and countless taxpayers' dollars ago. This matter needs to be brought to a conclusion.

I work in the technology industry as a seller of hardware and software to schools. I have not been directly impacted by the case, but the uncertainty surrounding the conclusion leaves me feeling uneasy. Microsoft does make important concessions such as agreeing to disclose some of its code and allowing a technical committee oversee the settlement's execution.

I hope that this case will soon be behind us. Not only does the settlement address the current concerns, but it provides for ways of dealing with future problems as well. I hope your office will do everything possible to allow the IT industry and the economy to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John Pexton', written over a horizontal line.

John Pexton  
Account Manager